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INFORMATION IN A MANAGEMENT NETWORK HAVING A NUMBER OF

MANAGEMENT LEVELS

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to Rule 136(a), Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for an extension of time into the <u>two</u> month after the response due date, i.e., until <u>March 16, 2010</u>, for responding to the Office Action mailed <u>October 16, 2009</u>.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge for the appropriate fee set by 37 CFR §1.17 of \$490.00 or any Petition for Extension of Time fee for underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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